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1. African Services Committee

Special, 1998

Introduction

African Services Committee is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the health and self-sufficiency of the African community in New York and beyond.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Committee's mission is to improve the health and self-sufficiency of immigrants and refugees of the African diaspora. Its principal activities include linkage to primary care, including medical escort and interpretation; HIV prevention training; outreach legal services; testing for HIV, sexually transmitted disease, tuberculosis and viral hepatitis; early intervention services and case management; housing placement assistance for people with AIDS; mental health services; English for speakers of other languages classes; food and nutrition services; and screening for diabetes and hypertension. The Committee is the oldest non-profit organization in New York serving African and Caribbean immigrants.

Significant changes in the organization

In June 2011, a series of budget cuts led to a reduction in staff and a concomitant reduction of service targets in the HIV/sexually transmitted disease prevention programmes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

A significant "win" for the Committee's advocacy for deferred action guidelines has been the adoption of requests for evidence by the United States of America Citizenship and Immigration Services for some Deferred Action requests. The Committee had been advocating relentlessly with United States Citizenship and Immigration Services and in its monthly meetings with the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement headquarters for the implementation of uniform standards for a successful deferred action request for HIV-positive individuals. This is a step in the right direction and is an acknowledgment by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services of the benefits of a more transparent assessment procedure.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Committee continued to work on the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals through its participation in the board and thematic meetings, consultations, and agendas of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the International Drug Purchase Facility, UNITAID (a global health initiative in great part financed by a solidarity levy on airline tickets, hosted by the World Health Organization), and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Committee was the non-governmental organization (NGO) representative on the Executive Board of UNITAID between 2010 and 2013. It has also served as a member of the Global Fund Country Coordinating Mechanism for Ethiopia since 2007.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In support of the post-2015 development framework concerning AIDS from 2013 to the present, the Committee has been educating country missions on the need to include migrant HIV indicators in the final post-2015 development outcome document. The Committee's work in providing health, housing, legal and human rights services to over 6,000 immigrants in the African diaspora each year, as well as health services to over 30,000 people per year in Ethiopia, supports the objective of the Millennium Development Goals.

2. African Youth Movement

Special, 2006

Introduction

The African Youth Movement has been active through engaging talented young African professionals to develop the organization and its services.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization advocates for free education for youth in Nigeria and elsewhere in Africa by creating a network for science education advocacy and advocating for investment in science education.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization supports current discussions on the post-2015 development agenda goals, including the dialogue on the post-2015 Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters, a 10-year international disaster risk reduction plan facilitated by the inter-agency secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

On 23 October 2013, the organization organized a rally in Abuja to mark the International Day for Disaster Reduction. It had previously addressed delegates at the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the realization of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities at United Nations Headquarters in New York. It joined the Secretary-General, and Stevie Wonder at the General Assembly to propose a disability-inclusive society.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- Since 2009, the organization has partnered with the Global Network of Civil Society Organizations for Disaster Reduction, a collaborating centre of the inter-agency secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction on the "Views from the Frontline" programme, implemented through community risk assessment, that produces creative and informative materials to enhance the capacity of grass-roots to educate others on climate change adaptability
- In 2011 and 2012, the organization was invited to speak on students' education at the World Innovation Summit for Education, held in Doha, an initiative of the Qatar Foundation and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- In 2011 and 2012, the organization was endorsed by the inter-agency secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction to organize the "Step up Nigeria" campaign in support of activities to mark the International Day for Disaster Reduction on 13 October 2011 and on 13 October 2012, in a bid to actualize the Hyogo Framework for Action
- The organization produced country reports for 2011, 2012 and 2013 on the "Views from the Frontline" programme in Nigeria, which was part of the global report produced by the Global Network of Civil Society Organizations for Disaster Reduction for the sessions of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Geneva

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization developed the "Nigeria at a centenary: Transformation agenda on illicit drugs, terrorism, violence and criminal justice" to reduce conflict and risk in rural areas.

3. Agencia Latinoamericana de Información

Special, 1998

Introduction

Agencia Latinoamericana de Información is a communications organization committed to human rights, gender equality and citizen participation in public affairs and development in Latin America. Its action is part of the struggle to democratize communication as a basic condition of democratic life and of social justice.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's mission is to formulate and develop responses to the various challenges of communication as a strategic area for social action. It aims to develop an alternative communication proposal for the establishment of a new, democratic, large, decentralized and multicultural communications fabric in accordance with the processes of social transformation.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- The organization's contributions have been undertaken mainly in relation to the follow-up to the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society adopted at the second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society, particularly in relation to equitable access to information and knowledge; the role of information and communications technologies for economic growth and development; capacity-building in information and communications technologies for vulnerable groups; proposals for domestic legislation relating to media plurality and diversity; and access to quality content and knowledge through media
- The organization contributed to developing and disseminating analysis, content and proposals in support of civil society contributions in the United Nations and related processes on those issues, as well as other issues, including climate change; sustainable development and development alternatives; implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, held in Durban, South Africa, from 31 August to 8 September 2001; proposals for an international year of indigenous communication; and for the proposed United Nations declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has participated actively in the following events:

- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012
- Seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Durban, South Africa, from 28 November to 11 December 2011
- International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Climate Change, held in Durban, South Africa, on 2 December 2011
- Non-governmental organizations forum at the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Durban, South Africa

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization implemented a project in collaboration with UNESCO to develop a Latin American programme on "Towards the construction of a democratic agenda in communication" with over 20 alternative media groups between 2010 and 2011.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- The organization developed a training programme (2010-2011) on gender and communication with leaders and communicators of Latin American social movements; published training materials; and promoted the strategic use of information and communications technologies, especially among rural, indigenous and women's organizations in Latin America, including counselling and training (2010-2013)
- The organization contributed to the work of Latin American rural organizations relating to the proposed United Nations declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas
- The organization published several editions of its monthly Spanish language magazine, *America Latina en movimiento*, which were dedicated to issues directly related to United Nations processes, such as a critique of the green economy, in preparation for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, and the right to water, in preparation for climate change negotiations and the United Nations declaration of water as a human right, among others

4. Antioch Christian Centre

Special, 2002

Introduction

Antioch Christian Centre is based in Llanelli, South Wales, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It has connections with Bulgaria, Nepal, Romania and India.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization takes a multilayered approach to improving the social and economic quality of life in Llanelli. The organization offers a range of facilities, activities and services to build community, specifically targeting the socially excluded, including disadvantaged youth and children; families in crisis; addicts; and the unemployed.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization educates the general public and especially young people about the role of the United Nations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended the Commission on the Status of Women every year during the reporting period.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization worked in Wales, India, Bulgaria and other countries to achieve the following Millennium Development Goals:

In support of Goal 1:

- Provided children and young people with access to creative learning environments to build self-esteem to enable them to move away from social exclusion to acceptability and employment
- Subsidized business start-up units; provided training and employment skills to young people through a youth centre in Bulgaria; provided funding for young people to work overseas in disadvantaged communities and poor rural areas and orphanages in Argentina, Bulgaria, India, Morocco, Mozambique and Peru
- Distributed food to those suffering financial hardship in Bulgaria, Morocco and Wales

In support of Goal 3:

- Provided a course in English for speakers of other languages to Nepalese women
- Raised awareness of sex trafficking issues

5. Association for Sustainable Human Development

Special, 2006

Introduction

The Association for Sustainable Human Development was established to transform the human development index into a sustainable development index.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the Association is to advocate and spread the main ideas, principles and values of sustainable development theory; to promote and assist in the creation of the corresponding institutions; and elaborate and implement concepts and strategic programmes in the field of the environment and sustainable development on the national and local levels, for the sustainable development of Armenia.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Association participated in the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Global Environment Outlook assessment, including the following:

- In 2011, the Association, with the support of UNEP and the Norwegian centre Grid-Arendal, implemented the "Integrated assessment of the Lake Sevan environmental conditions: GEO-Lake Sevan" project; in 2012, the Association contributed to the fifth Global Environment Outlook assessment *Global Environment Outlook: Environment for the Future We Want* to promote principles of sustainable development
- The Association was a member of the national commission on preparing Armenia's participation in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, and contributed to the report of Armenia entitled "'Rio+20' National Assessment Report" (Yerevan, 2012)
- Within the framework of the joint initiative of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on supporting national preparations to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, the Association participated in the elaboration of the stocktaking/synthesis report on "Progress and challenges for sustainable development in Armenia"
- In December 2013, the Association, with financial support from UNDP and technical support of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, published the third updated version of a university-level textbook on "The theory and practice of sustainable development: the worldwide process and Armenia"
- In light of the United Nations "Decade of Education for Sustainable Development", the Association participated in the Earth Charter event in June 2010, in The Hague, and gave a presentation on the role of the Earth Charter in the education for sustainable development system in Armenia

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Association participated in the following meetings:

- UNEP regional consultations for Europe for the preparation of the fifth Global Environment Outlook assessment process, held in Geneva in 2010 and 2011
- Eleventh special session of the UNEP Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum, held in Bali, Indonesia, from 24 to 26 February 2010
- Seventh "Environment for Europe" Ministerial Conference of the Economic Commission for Europe, held in Astana from 21 to 23 September 2011
- Economic Commission for Europe Regional Preparatory Meeting for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Geneva, on 1 and 2 December 2011
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, at which the Association presented a report on "The transformation of the human development index into a

sustainable development index: experience of Armenia" at the side event on "Sustainable development index methodology-possible options", organized by Armenia, on 15 June 2012;

- Economic Commission for Europe Regional Consultation on the theme "Inclusive and sustainable development: perspectives from Europe and Central Asia on the post-2015 development agenda", held in Turkey, Istanbul, on 7 and 8 November 2013

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- The Association, in collaboration with UNDP and the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, organized celebrations of the World Environment Day and seminars devoted to climate change and combating desertification in Yerevan on 19 April and 17 June 2010
- The Association assisted the Government of Armenia and UNDP Armenia in organizing a side event on "Sustainable development index methodology-possible options", on 15 June 2012, during the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- The textbook for universities prepared by the Association includes broad information about the Millennium Development Goals
- In 2010, the Association contributed to the preparation of the progress report 2010 on "Achieving the Millennium Development Goals in Armenia"

6. Baha'i International Community

Special, 1970

Introduction

The Baha'i International Community has affiliates in over 180 countries representing over 5 million members of the Baha'i faith.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization seeks to contribute to the processes of advancing human civilization by bringing the principles of the Baha'i faith and the insight and experience of its worldwide membership to bear on the issues under consideration by the United Nations, including: the oneness of humanity; the elimination of all forms of prejudice; the equality of men and women; the nobility of the human being; the elimination of extremes of wealth and poverty; universal education; freedom of conscience; an ethic of sustainability; the harmony of science and religion; unity in diversity; and consultation.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- The organization attended the following sessions of the Human Rights Council where it delivered statements on the situation of Baha'is in the Islamic Republic of Iran: thirteenth to fifteenth session (1-26 March 2010, 31 May-18 June 2010, 13 September-1 October 2010), seventeenth to twenty-first session (30 May-17 June 2011, 12-30 September 2011, 27 February-23 March 2012, 18 June-6 July 2012, 10-28 September 2012) and twenty-third session (27 May-14 June 2013)
- It took part in the following sessions of the Working Group of the Universal Periodic Review in Geneva: seventh and eighth sessions (8-19 February 2010 and 3-14 May 2010); thirteenth and fourteenth sessions (21 May-4 June 2012 and 22 October-5 November 2012), and sixteenth session (22 April-3 May 2013); and of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee in Geneva (from the fourth to the eleventh session)
- It participated in the following sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York: fifty-fourth to fifty-seventh session (1-12 March 2010, 22 February-4 March 2011, 27 February-9 March 2012 and 4-13 March 2013), submitted statements to the Commission and co-organized over 30 side events
- The organization participated in the following sessions of the Commission for Social Development, held in New York: forty-eighth to fifty-first session (3-12 February 2010, 9-18 February 2011, 1-10 February 2012 and 6-15 February 2013) and submitted statements
- Representatives took part in the eighteenth and nineteenth sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development, held in New York, from 3 to 14 May 2010 and from 2 to 13 May 2011
- It participated in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, and organized a panel discussion on the "Elimination of the extremes of wealth and poverty in a green economy context"
- Participated in the following sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York: ninth to twelfth session (19-30 April 2010, 16-27 May 2011, 7-18 May 2012 and 20-31 May 2013)
- The organization attended the following sessions of the Commission on Population and Development in New York: forty-fourth to forty-sixth session (11-15 April 2011, 23-27 April 2012 and 22-26 April 2013)

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

7. Baptist World Alliance

Special, 1974

Introduction

The Baptist World Alliance is a fellowship comprising 231 conventions in unions with over 40 thousand members in 121 countries and territories. The organization is a global movement of Baptists sharing a common confession of faith in Jesus Christ, bonded together by God's love to support, encourage and strengthen one another, while proclaiming and living the gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit to a lost world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization is committed to promoting worship, fellowship and unity; nurturing the passion for mission and evangelism; responding to human need through relief and sustainable community development; defending human rights and justice; and promoting relevant theological reflection.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization presented reports at several sessions of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review of the Human Rights Council in Geneva. It is a member of the Committee of Religious Non-Governmental Organizations at the United Nations, which cooperates with the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, and has participated in the Ecumenical Working Group on the United Nations of the Committee. It is also actively involved in the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings:

- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012 by hosting a side event
- Meetings of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to discuss human rights abuses
- Fifty-fourth and fifty-fifth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York (1-12 March 2010 and 22 February-4 March 2011)
- Fiftieth session of the Commission for Social Development, New York, 1-10 February 2012

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization celebrates Human Rights Day by disseminating information to the public about issues relating to human rights and by providing useful resources and information about the United Nations.

The Division on Freedom and Justice of the organization has commissions dealing directly with several of the Millennium Development Goals, such as the commission on creation care and the commission on racial and gender justice.

8. Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women

Special, 1998

Introduction

The Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women is a research institute that provides tools to facilitate action by organizations to advance social justice and equality for all women. With both individual and institutional members, it functions in Canada's two official languages, English and French.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Institute undertakes original research, criticizes biases, synthesizes existing research and disseminates results for different audiences. Its mandate is to build bridges between community-based and university-based research and to make the links among research, education and social change. The organization's work is consistent with the human rights instruments of the United Nations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Institute organizes lectures and conferences on topics such as "Women, the United Nations and Beijing+20: reflections on the past and looking forward" to disseminate information to the public. In 2010 and 2011, the Institute webcast the celebrations of International Women's Day in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Institute attended the following sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York: fifty-fourth and fifty-fifth sessions (1-12 March 2010 and 22 February-4 March 2011) and fifty-seventh session (4-15 March 2013), where it organized a parallel interactive session and meetings relevant to the post-2015 development agenda.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In addition to its involvement with the Commission on the Status of Women, it promoted the work of the United Nations Human Rights Council in Canada, and, with other NGOs, provided feedback to Canadian government representatives about issues on its agenda. The organization also renewed relationships with UNESCO.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

All of the Institute's activities support Millennium Development Goal 3. Additionally, its focus on issues linked to economic and social justice and overcoming women's poverty and exclusion supports the other goals. The Institute also produced an updated Canadian fact sheet on "Violence against women in Canada", which coincided with the priority theme of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2013: "Elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls".

9. Centre for Development Strategy

Special, 2010

Introduction

The Centre for Development Strategy has been working solely to support the mobilization and strengthening of poor community systems for effective and sustained change in the areas of democratic governance, justice, human rights, economic empowerment, primary health and education in Nigeria.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to support the strengthening of weak structures in poor communities in Nigeria; support the development of poor people and rural communities in Nigeria in education infrastructure; support policymaking and the general welfare of poor people and rural communities; support the sociopolitical development of poor people in rural communities in Nigeria and the sustainability of programmes; sensitize poor people living in rural areas with the message of life, skill and self-dependency; assist poor people in rural communities with health services and information; and support in-country justice as well as political, economic, health, cultural and social development programmes within the framework of national policies, and support, mobilize around and disseminate information on programmes of the United Nations and the principles of the Charter of the United Nations that do not contradict existing national policies.

Significant changes in the organization

On 7 July, 2012, the organization changed its name to Cecilia Nkemakolam Foundation.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- The organization worked in 518 communities in the south-east geopolitical zone of Nigeria to mobilize communities towards achieving good governance,

primary health care, basic education, reduced poverty, enhanced infrastructural development and resource mobilization

- It mobilized communities to benefit and sustain malaria and HIV control as well as primary health-care development strategies with the acceptance of life-saving products
- It worked on a number of initiatives with UNDP, the World Bank, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), ActionAid and the European Union project "Increasing non-State actors' implementation and development expertise (EU-INSIDE)", as well as with such national partners as the Society for Family Health, the Civil Society for Malaria Control, Immunization and Nutrition, the National Malaria Control Programme and women's and youth groups
- It carried out programme activities in community health, education, economic empowerment, human rights, justice and democratic governance

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization worked with the World Bank on the implementation of the HIV programme in Abia State, Nigeria.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Please see section under "Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations".

10. Centrist Democrat International

Special, 1950

Introduction

Centrist Democrat International brings together parties, organizations and political associations that inspire ideas and behaviour within the principals of Christian humanism or integral humanism, that is to say humanism that is open to solidarity and fraternity. The organization is open to all parties and political associations, which share and practice the same convictions in religious and philosophical material within the organization. It carries out its work with the regional political organizations through the Organización Demócrata Cristiana de América or Christian Democrat Organization of America (Latin America), Centrist Democratic International-Africa, Centrist Democratic International-Asia-Pacific, and Centrist Democratic International-Europe/European People's Party.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of the organization are the affirmation and updating of its political identity; the strengthening of relations between the party and the political

organizations that are members; the preparation, representation and diffusion of the common positions that characterize its profile; and the promotion and strengthening of the political presence of the organization.

Significant changes in the organization

In the last few years, the organization has amplified its structure in Asia, Africa and Latin America. It has created Centrist Democratic International-Africa and Centrist Democratic International-Asia-Pacific to cooperate in the development of the populations in those regions. The current number of countries that adhere to the organization is 71.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The main force of the organization is to approve documents and resolutions to call attention to violations of human rights and core values.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the twenty-third session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva from 27 May to 14 June 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No contribution was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization fosters democratic values and human rights around the world by educating younger generations to fight against discrimination in governmental posts and other posts of responsibility. It brings the attention of the media to human rights violations, especially in Cabo Verde, Cuba, the Middle East, Ukraine and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

11. Church World Service

Special, 1974

Introduction

Church World Service is a cooperative ministry of 36 Christian denominations from the United States working to eradicate hunger and poverty and promote peace and justice in the United States and globally.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization has a mandate to improve the lives of the most marginalized and vulnerable people in the world through a holistic approach. It is the organization's mission to eradicate hunger and poverty and promote peace and justice in the United States and globally.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Programmatic priorities have included basic social and economic development, with particular focus on women and children, hunger and food security, disaster response, including mitigation through disaster preparedness, and assistance to refugees, displaced people and migrants, including the advocacy and defence of their rights. The organization's mandate also includes the promotion of peace and justice.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings, among others:

- Informal interactive hearings of the General Assembly with representatives of NGOs, civil society organizations and the private sector, held in New York on 14 and 15 June 2010
- Forty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development, held in New York from 9 to 18 February 2011
- Fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 22 February to 4 March 2011
- Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting for the nineteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, held in New York from 28 February to 4 March 2011
- Second session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in New York from 7 to 8 March 2011
- Nineteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, held in New York from 2 to 13 May 2011
- Second intersessional meeting of the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in New York on 15 and 16 December 2011
- Initial discussions on the zero draft of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and third intersessional meeting of the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, March 2012

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has been an active participant in the Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). It maintained a close working relationship with UNHCR in Washington, D.C., to coordinate migration and refugee-related work in the United States and globally. It acted as the UNHCR fiduciary agent for the United States Overseas Processing Entity whose operation largely depends on resettlement referrals made by UNHCR. The organization also maintains a close

working relationship with UNHCR in Geneva, Nairobi, Accra, Chad, Thailand and other locations.

As a member of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations hunger and food security working group, the organization collaborates with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on the right to food.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization worked on the following goals:

- Goal 1: Constructed sand dams in arid regions of western Kenya, which provided both potable water for human consumption and water for the irrigation of vegetable gardens, resulting in improved hygiene, sanitation, nutrition and increased income
- Goal 2: Implemented the school safe zones programme in Kenya to enhance children's education and retention in schools. It worked on the health and education integrated development programme in Viet Nam to increase student enrolment and graduation rates, as well as the quality of health services provided at communal clinics and a district hospital
- Goal 4: Implemented a programme in Cambodia to improve child and maternal nutrition and health and helped communities expand their capacity to sustain those gains
- Goal 5: In Pakistan and Afghanistan, implemented a community health project by deploying female doctors to basic health units and reproductive health clinics to deliver health-care training for community health workers, and engaged the community in health-care awareness and support
- Goal 6: It trained women to produce embroidered ribbon pins as an income-producing venture
- Goal 7: It implemented the water of life programme to provide access to vital water resources and sanitation systems in Kenya and the United Republic of Tanzania
- Goal 8: Through the community development programme in Cambodia, it helped local partners gain expertise to manage their organizations and implement effective programmes

12. Local Governments for Sustainability

Special, 1998

Introduction

Local Governments for Sustainability is the world's leading network of over 1,000 cities, towns and metropolises committed to building a sustainable future.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's mission is to build and serve a worldwide movement of local governments to achieve tangible improvements in global sustainability with a specific focus on environmental conditions through cumulative local actions. By helping its members make their cities sustainable, low-carbon, resilient, biodiverse, resource-efficient, healthy and happy, with a green economy and smart infrastructure, the organization has an impact on over 20 per cent of the world's urban population.

Significant changes in the organization

During the reporting period of 2010-2013, the most important changes within the organization were the revision of its charter in 2011 and the convening the World Congress in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, from 14 to 17 June 2012, which resulted in the election of the Global Executive Committee for 2012-2015.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- The organization enhances the effectiveness and diversity of the local authorities major group by facilitating the engagement of the Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development and United Cities and Local Governments as the two new organizing partners
- It contributed to the consultation and organization of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, including convening the Global Town Hall in June 2012, at which the Secretary-General met with mayors and local government leaders from around the world
- It led the participation of the local authorities major group in the follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings:

- Commission on Sustainable Development, New York, 3-14 May 2010 and 2-13 May 2011
- Preparatory meetings for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in 2011-2012
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012
- Sessions of the Open Working Group of the General Assembly on Sustainable Development Goals from May to December 2013
- Inaugural session, high-level political forum on sustainable development, 24 September 2013
- Meetings of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly in September 2013

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- The organization signed a memorandum of understanding with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) in 2010, launching the urban low emission development strategies project in 2012 with the support of the European Commission. It participated in the UN-Habitat Governing Council in 2013, as the lead partner of the Communitas Coalition for Sustainable Cities and Regions in the new United Nations development agenda
- It signed a memorandum of understanding with UNEP to implement a programme of work from 2009 to 2013. The organization participated in the UNEP Governing Council meetings every year from 2010 to 2013, and released the fifth Global Environment Outlook assessment *Global Environment Outlook: Environment for the Future We Want* for local Governments at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012
- It launched the "Making cities resilient campaign" at the World Congress on Cities and Adaptation to Climate Change in Bonn in 2010 with the inter-agency secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction
- It contributed to a World Bank-UNEP-UN-Habitat joint work programme

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization's activities mainly contribute to Goal 7, with indirect impact on Goals 1, 3 and 8, and include the following:

- On biodiversity, the organization facilitated the drafting of the support of the Plan of Action on Subnational Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities for Biodiversity (2011-2020)
- On climate change, the organization facilitated the Local Government Climate Roadmap
- The organization supported the establishment of the "Global Task Force of Local and Regional Governments for the Post-2015 Development Agenda towards HABITAT III" and advocated for a universal goal on cities within the scope of sustainable development goals

13. Saferworld

Special, 2010

Introduction

Saferworld is an independent international organization working to prevent violent conflict and build safer lives. It is a not-for-profit organization with programmes in nearly 20 countries and territories across Africa, the Middle East, Asia and Europe.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Saferworld works with local people affected by conflict to improve their safety and sense of security, and conduct wider research and analysis. It uses that evidence and learning to improve local, national and international policies and practices that can help build lasting peace.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Saferworld undertook the following activities to shape the post-2015 development agenda:

- Provided a briefing on "Approaching post-2015 from a peace perspective" (August 2012)
- Provided a joint statement with 56 civil society organizations on "Bringing peace into the post-2015 development framework", launched at the General Assembly (September 2012)
- Participated in the meeting of the High-level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, held in London (November 2012)
- Presented to global thematic consultations on conflict, violence, disasters and the post-2015 development agenda, held in Monrovia, Panama and Helsinki (November 2012 to June 2013)
- Submitted written comments to the draft and final versions of the report of the High-level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda (January 2013)
- Drafted and coordinated a statement on "Putting sustainable peace and safe societies at the heart of the development agenda: priorities for post-2015" and presented to the General Assembly (September 2013)
- Presented a paper on "Gender, peace and security and the post-2015 framework" to the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) expert group meeting on structural and policy constraints in achieving the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls, held in Mexico City (October 2013)

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Saferworld attended the following meetings:

- Meetings of the First Committee of the General Assembly, held in New York from 2010 to 2012
- Fourth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, held in New York, from 14 to 18 June 2010

- First session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty, held in New York, from 12 to 23 July 2010; including the co-organization of a meeting on implementation of the Treaty
- Second session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty, held in New York, from 28 February to 4 March 2011; including the organization of a side meeting on implementation of the Treaty in cooperation with the Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations
- Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, held in New York, from 9 to 13 May 2011
- Third session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty, held in New York, from 11 to 15 July 2011; including the organization of a side event in cooperation with the Governments of Australia and Zambia, at which a draft implementation framework for the Arms Trade Treaty
- Fourth session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty, held in New York, from 13 to 17 February 2012; including the organization of a side meeting with the Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations, on reporting
- Second United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, held in New York, from 27 August to 7 September 2012

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Saferworld drafted three international small arms control standards between 2010 and 2012 on: designing and implementing community safety programming; monitoring, evaluating and reporting; and conducting small arms and light weapons surveys. In June 2013, the organization collaborated with UNDP in Brussels on two round-table meetings with European institutions.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The activities of Saferworld focused on contributing to the new post-2015 development agenda.

14. Vital Voices Global Partnership

Special, 2006

Introduction

Vital Voices Global Partnership invests in women leaders who improve the world and create space for women to be heard. It believes that women are essential

for making progress in their communities and that the world cannot move forward without their full participation.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization invests in leaders who take responsibility for improving society. It partners with women who demonstrate leadership that unites and inspires people.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization works with leaders in three key areas: human rights, economic opportunity, and political and public leadership. Those partners are in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean and the Middle East. It designs programmes that offer practical skills and services, help leaders develop strategic plans, connect with expert advisors for mentoring and collaboration and share their perspectives with the audiences they need to reach.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization participated in the following meetings:

- The organization was a panellist at a meeting of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), in collaboration with the Group of Friends United against Human Trafficking on the high-level interactive launch of the Global Report on Trafficking in Persons 2014 (pursuant to General Assembly resolution 64/293 of 30 July 2010, which requested UNODC to prepare a biannual report on patterns and flows of trafficking in persons), held in New York on 24 November 2014
- The organization was a civil society representative speaker at the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on human trafficking, which called for an appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons to assess achievements, gaps and challenges in the implementation of the Plan and relevant legal instruments, held in New York on 13 May 2013
- It attended the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York, from 27 February to 9 March, 2012

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization hosted a "Round table on financing gender equality and women's empowerment", with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and UN-Women, held in Washington, D.C., on 19 September 2014. That strategy session brought together opinion leaders and representatives from Government, private sector, civil society, academia, media and technology for a discussion on how to increase innovative investments in gender equality and women's rights.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

All of the organization's activities focus on and contribute to Goals 3 and 8 and on supporting the overall development agenda through programming, training, advocacy and outreach.

15. World Jewellery Confederation

Special, 2006

Introduction

The World Jewellery Confederation is the oldest representative organization in the international jewellery business and represents the interests of all individuals, organizations and companies earning their livelihoods from jewellery, gemstones and precious metals.

Aims and purposes of the organization

To encourage harmonization and promote international cooperation in the jewellery industry, the organization functions as a centre of knowledge, a decision-making body, and an advocate for the well-being of the jewellery industry worldwide. The jewellery industry understands that the luxury product sector must demonstrate that it abides by the principles of corporate social responsibility.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- At the World Expo, held in Shanghai, China, in 2010, the organization was selected by the jewellery sector as a role model of corporate social responsibility
- In cooperation with United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the organization and the Belgian public and private organizations inaugurated the Centre of Excellence for Corporate Social Responsibility in the jewellery and diamond industry in Antwerp, Belgium, in May 2011. It was launched with the goal of developing educational programmes to advance the United Nation's social and economic development goals
- In May 2013, the Italian trade fair organizer, Fiera di Vicenza, was accredited through the organization to help plan and implement a United Nations endorsed corporate social responsibility programme for the international jewellery industry
- In July 2013, the organization reached an understanding with the Convention of Independent Financial Advisors for cooperation in enhancing responsible business practices and sustainability in their respective business sectors
- It is currently preparing an educational programme for the jewellery sector, which will be offered worldwide to promote the industry's involvement in sustainable development

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization undertook the following activities:

- Participated in the United Nations Global Compact Leaders' Summit, New York, June 2010
- Submitted a statement to the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council on progress in advancing its education programme for corporate social responsibility, Geneva, July 2011
- Participated in the United Nations System Private Sector Focal Points Meeting, Vienna, March 2012
- Submitted a statement to the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council expressing concern that the global economic crisis is affecting job creation and undermining the fight against poverty, New York, July 2012

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with UNITAR to organize a forum on corporate social responsibility, in Shanghai, China, in September 2010. The organization cooperated with UNITAR to open a Centre of Excellence for Corporate Social Responsibility in the jewellery and diamond industry, Antwerp, Belgium, in May 2011.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization contributed to Goals 1, 7 and 8 by promoting corporate social responsibility in the jewellery sector in the following ways:

- Developed a programme for students worldwide to study corporate social responsibility and the design of eco-friendly jewellery
- Discussed the development of corporate social responsibility education programmes for the jewellery sector in Guangzhou, China, in March 2010
- Inaugurated its first course in corporate social responsibility, with lecturers instructing the participants on the role of the jewellery industry in promoting the goals, Antwerp, Belgium, June 2010
- Gave a presentation to the third International Gem and Jewellery Conference focused on the role of the jewellery industry in sustainable economic and social development and the need to for businesses operations to be fully transparent, Bangkok, December 2012
- The organization and the Responsible Jewellery Council signed a memorandum of understanding for the use of corporate social responsibility education programmes developed by the organization, in collaboration with the United Nations, and a chain of custody certification programmes developed by the Responsible Jewellery Council, in October 2013